

Senate Bill No. 905

CHAPTER 363

An act to add Section 23428.29 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverage control.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 905, Bates. Alcoholic beverage control: club licenses.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, defines and regulates the issuance of various types of licenses authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including a club license. Existing law authorizes the holder of a club license to exercise the rights of an on-sale general licensee, but limits sale and service of alcoholic beverages to members of the club and their guests. Existing law defines different clubs in this context.

This bill would define a club, for the purposes described above, to also include a nonprofit umbrella organization established to provide a central meeting location, resources, and services for veterans, including those on active duty, and that owns or leases, operates, and maintains a facility for these purposes. The bill would require the organization to serve at least 6 veteran organizations, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 23428.29 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

23428.29. (a) For the purpose of this article, "club" also means a nonprofit umbrella organization established to provide a central meeting location, resources, and services specifically for veterans, including those on active duty, and that owns or leases, operates, and maintains a facility for these purposes. The nonprofit umbrella organization shall serve at least six veteran organizations, composed solely of veterans, that have been chartered by the Congress of the United States for patriotic, fraternal, or benevolent purposes and which post, chapter, camp, or other local unit has operated as such for not less than one year.

(b) For purposes of this section, members of the veteran organizations served by the nonprofit umbrella organization shall be deemed to be members of the nonprofit umbrella organization regardless of whether they are charged separate dues to hold that membership.

(c) The nonprofit umbrella organization shall obtain documentation from the veteran organizations it serves as may be necessary to establish that those veteran organizations meet the requirements of this section. The documentation shall be provided to the department upon demand.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any club licensed pursuant to this section to make any discrimination, distinction, or restriction against any person on account of the person's color, race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, or age.